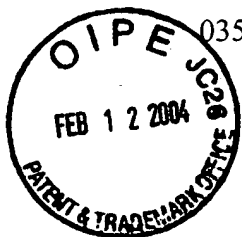


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Applicants have filed two Information Disclosure Statements in the application, one on February 26, 2002, and another on May 28, 2002. To date, Applicants have not yet received copies of the Form PTO-1449, which was enclosed with the Information Disclosure Statements, annotated with the Examiner's initials and date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure

Statements and the cited art submitted therewith were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

Attached is a copy of each of the Information Disclosure Statements, the Form PTO-1449, and date-stamped postcards showing receipt of these papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the cited art has been considered and made of record by returning annotated copies of the Form PTO-1449.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

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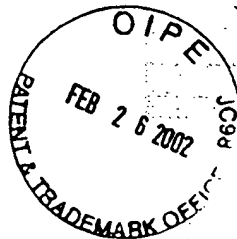
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REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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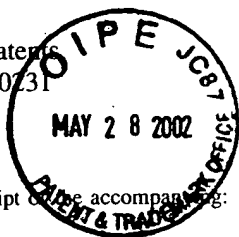
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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44075 through 4-44082 are discussed at page 11, line 12, et. seq. of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,525,775 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44075, 4-44080, and 4-44081. U.S. Patent No. 5,148,226 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 4-44082, 4-44076, 4-44077, and 4-44079.

CONCLUSION

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